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Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - March 2008

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Report Highlights:

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Trade

Burma exported 288,839 metric tons of beans and pulses in March 2008, an increase of 90 percent from the same period in 2007, due mainly to increased demand from India. Mung beans accounted for 37 percent of the total exports, followed by Matpe (32 percent) and Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) 21 percent. The major destination in March was India, accounting for 91 percent of total beans and pulse exports. Japan, a regular market for Burmese Butter beans (Lima beans), imported 1,988 metric tons of Burmese Butter beans.

March Beans and Pulses Exports by Destination (MT)						
	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Other	Total
Australia			24			24
Bangladesh		1,073				1,073
Belgium			156			156
Brunei			45			45
China		7	611	5	10	633
Egypt					693	693
Germany			48		120	168
India		87,534	100,507	59,975	14,475	262,491
Indonesia					48	48
Japan	1,988	633	325	357	252	3,555
Kuwait		38	59		79	176
South Korea					46	46
Malaysia		48	52	10	106	216
Netherland			216		23	239
Oman			24			24
Pakistan		1,717		239	3,049	5,005
Philippines					24	24
Qatar					24	24
Singapore		379	716	59	1,008	2,162
Sri Lanka		97	903			1,000
Saudi		48	174		486	708
Thailand			422	22	1,590	2,034
Taiwan			144			144

UAE		1,228	1,412	1,403	2,538	6,581
United Kingdom		68	840		175	1,083
Vietnam		168	296		23	487
Total	1,988	93,038	106,974	62,070	24,769	288,839
Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown beans						

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2007	2008
January	68,006	91,596
February	81,386	138,477
March	151,743	288,839
April	233,490	
May	164,326	
June	174,156	
July	141,478	
August	99,245	
September	86,860	
October	96,237	
November	102,226	
December	51,247	
Total	1,450,400	518,912
Others not included	0	0
Grand Total	1,450,400	518,912

Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee that met in March 2008 are:

Matpe (FAQ)	US\$ 500-530
Matpe (SQ)	US\$ 570-590
Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ)	US\$ 440-460
Mung beans (FAQ)	US\$ 470-490
Toor Whole red (Pigeon pea) old	US\$ 530-550
Toor Whole white/red (Pigeon pea) (FAQ) old	US\$ 500-520
Black eye beans (FAQ)	US\$ 520-540

Note: 1) FAQ= Fair Average Quality; SQ= Superior Quality
 2) Average exchange rate in March is US \$1= Kyat 1,118

Export Prospects

Trading for beans and pulses was inactive in all major Burmese markets mainly because of the volatile US dollar, which has historically been the foreign currency used for trading in Burma. According to trade sources, about 20,000 mt of raw Matpe 1,150 mt of ready cargo Matpe 2,450mt of special quality ready cargo Matpe , 4,100 mt of ready cargo Toor Whole , 1,050 mt of Mung beans, and 500 mt of various beans, were traded in March at the Bayint Naung wholesale market in Rangoon.

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